National Sample Survey Organisation in 1983, 1987-88, 1993-94 and 1999-2000 as per Usual Principle and Subsidiary Status Approach were as follows:—

Percentage distribution of workers by Category of Employment

Year	Self employed %	Regular salaried employed %
1983	57.4	13.9
1987-88	56.0	14.4
1993-94	54.8	13.2
1999-2000	52.9	13.9

(b) Ninth Plan has accorded priority to agriculture and rural development with a view to generating adequate productive employment and eradication of poverty. The plan has focused on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are labour intensive, in regions characterized by higher rates of unemployment and underemployment.

Government have also been implementing special programmes for eradication of poverty and generation of employment. The major poverty alleviation programmes, which provide employment in the rural areas, are Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, Jawahar Gram Samriddhi Yojana and Employment Assurance Scheme. In the urban areas, Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) is in operation since 1.12.97, which also seeks to provide gainful employment to the poor. Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana is being implemented to provide employment opportunities to educated unemployed youth in both rural and urban areas.

Implementation of Construction Workers Welfare Act, 1996

2057. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether excepting two States *viz.* Tamil Nadu and Kerala, other States have implemented Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Act, 1996 and Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Act, 1996; and

(b) whether Government are intending to take some positive steps for implementation of these two Acts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) The State Governments have initiated the process of implementation of the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 and the Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Cess Act, 1996 *i.e.* constitution of State Advisory Committees, Experts Committee to formulate Rules, State Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Boards and notification of authorities etc. for the implementation of the Act. The matter is being followed up with them.

Pay fixation of E.S.I.C. employees

2058. SHRI CO. POULOSE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether one of the major recommendations of the Pay Committee constituted by his Ministry was ten per cent higher fixation of pay to Employees State Insurance Corporation employees, but not implemented so far;

(b) whether the All India ESIC Employees Federation has staged a two days dharna in the capital to press for the early implementation of the Fifth Pay Commission's recommendations; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction on all their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) The Pay Committee constituted by ESIC has, *inter-alia,* recommended grant of 50% fitment benefit to ESIC employees instead of 40% allowed to Central Government employees. The All India ESIC Employees' Federation staged 'Dharna' on 25th & 26th April, 2001 in the Capital. Keeping in view the provisions of the ESIC Act, 1948 and also the benefits already extended to the employees on the basis of the recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commission, it has not been found feasible to accept the recommendations of the Pay Committee so far.